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Maharashtra	3
Bihar	1
Haryana	—
Rajasthan	1
Gujarat	—
Himachal Pradesh	—
West Bengal	—
Madhya Pradesh	—
Kerala	—
Jammu & Kashmir	—
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—
North Eastern	—
Orissa	—
Punjab	—
Assam	—
Delhi	5

Commemorative stamps of Tercecntenary of Birth of Khalsa

1301. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue commemorative stamps on the occasion of the tercentenary of the birth of Khalsa in April, 1999 and also to put up an exhibition of commemorative stamps issued so far about the Sikh Gurus and important histrical Sikh personalities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A special commemorative stamp on the tercentenary of the birth of Khalsa has been approved for issue on 14.4.99 An exhibition of special/commemorative stamps relating to Punjab and Sikh Gurus, is also being arranged by CPMG Punjab, in coordination with the state authorities.

Telephone facilities to sub-divisional headquarters

1302. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide telephone facilities to sub-divisional headquarters in the country;

(b) the date from which above facilities will be provided;

(c) what is the number of sub-divisional headquarters in the State of Gujarat where telephone facility has not yet been provided; and

(d) the time by which telephone facilities are likely to be provided to these sub-divisional headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. 1210 Sub-divisional headquarters out of a total of 1230 were provided with telephone facilities in the country upto 30.11.98.

(c) and (d) All the 46 Sub-divisional headquarters have already been provided telephone facilities in the State of Gujrat.

Insufficient money order counters in post offices of Ludhiana

1303. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that long queues of migrated people can be seen in post offices in Punjab particularly in Ludhiana waiting for hours together for sending money orders to their families;

(b) if so, whether Government would contemplate for increasing the number of money order counters in post offices or open new post offices exclusively for the purpose in Ludhiana; and

(c) the number of post offices in Ludhiana at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Work relating to booking of money orders in the post offices located in Punjab particularly in Ludhiana has been generally going on smoothly. In a few post offices namely Focal Point Millerganj, Central Post Office, Hero Nagar, Janta Nagar and Moti Nagar located in the Industrial area of Ludhiana City, rush of money order booking is observed on some specific days of the month, but the customers do not have to wait for long. However, instructions have been issued to the concerned Sub Postmasters to open additional counters are these post offices for booking of money orders during such peak days of the month. There is no proposal to open new post offices exculusively for booking money orders at Ludhiana.

(c) There are 47 departmental post offices at present in Ludhiana City Division and all are authorised to book money orders.

Functioning of telephone system in North Sikkim

1304. SHRI KARMA TOPDEN: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone system in the North District of Sikkim has not been functioning properly;

(b) whether this poor functioning is due to the insufficient technical staff posted at North Sikkim, a predominantly tribal area; and

(c) if so, why is it that North Sikkim which is the remotest part of the State not manned like the other three districts with the posting of a Sub-Divisional Engineer, Telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम के नए कार्यालय का एक नए भवन में स्थानांतरण

1305. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 22 सितम्बर, 1998 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में प्रकाशित "लेट लतीफी से एम०टी०एन०एल० को 27 करोड़ की चपत" शीर्षक समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) उन कार्यालयों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें नवनिर्मित भवन में स्थानान्तरित किया जाना था तथा किस की अनुमति से ये कार्यालय पुराने भवन में काम कर रहे हैं; और

(घ) लोधी रोड में इस नए भवन के निर्माण के बाद से अब तक एम०टी०एन०एल० द्वारा किराए के रूप में कितनी धनराशि का भुगतान किया गया है; और इन कार्यालयों को कब तक नए भवन में स्थानान्तरित कर दिया जाएगा?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) जी हां।

(ख) सी जी ओ कॉम्प्लेक्स का टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज भवन तैयार नहीं है। फिलहाल, उक्त भवन का कुछ हिस्सा ही टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जा रहा है।

इस भवन के आस-पास झुग्गियां हैं। इन झुग्गियों के पुनर्वास के बाद स्थानीय निकायों से, अग्निशमन संबंधी अनापत्ति-पत्र, बिजली व्यवस्था, निर्माण कार्य पूरा होने संबंधी प्रमाण-पत्र तथा भवन में प्रवेश की अनुमति ली जानी है। एम० टी० एन० एल०, दिल्ली द्वारा एम सी डी, दिल्ली को पुनर्वास प्रभार अदा कर दिए गए हैं।

(ग) ऐसे कार्यालयों के नाम नीचे दिए गए हैं जिन्हें शिफ्ट किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है:

1. प्रधान महाप्रबंधक (विकास)
2. महाप्रबंधक (मध्य)
3. महाप्रबंधक (पीएम-एस)
4. महाप्रबंधक (पीएम-एन)
5. महाप्रबंधक (एम एम)
6. महाप्रबंधक (कार्यबल)
7. मुख्य अभियन्ता (बी डब्ल्यू)